(b) The number of students getting training from this Institute is 152 as on 08-08-2003 and total number of regular staff engaged therein is 246.

(c) 144 students are provided with boarding arrangement in the institution itself.

(d) Actual expenditure incurred by the Government on the Institute during the last three years is :

Year	Plan (rupees in Lakhs)	Non-Plan (rupees in Lakhs)
2000-01	365.00	561.41
2001-02	125.00	572.24
2002-03	30.00	564.63

(e) Governing Council of FTII, Pune in its 99th meeting has taken a decision in principle to start a course in acting in the Institute.

Foreign Investment in news channels uplinking

2806. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rules restrict foreign share holding in news channels uplinking from India to 26 per cent;

(b) if so, whether any news channel uplinking from India has not yet fulfilled the above condition;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether there is any broadcast regulatory framework prescribed by law;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether the competent authority is making *ad hoc* decisions on foreign media houses which are not following the foreign investment norms and rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. According to the guidelines for uplinking News & Current Affairs TV channels issued on 26.3.2003, uplinking permission is being given to the news channels subject to compliance of conditions laid down in the guidelines which include 26 per cent foreign equity cap. Existing News & Current Affairs TV channels, already permitted to uplink by this Ministry are required to conform to these guidelines within a period of one year from the date of issue of these guidelines.

(d) to (f) The Ministry has prescribed policies for the broadcasting sector within the ambit provided by legislations like the Wireless & Telegraphy Act, Indian Telegraph Act and the Cable Television Networks Act. With the increasing entry to private players in the broadcasting sector, the need for a statutory broadcasting regulatory authority to monitor the implementation of polices and regulations has been recongnized. Consultations are going on with the stakeholders in the braodcasting sector on the form of such proposed Regulatory Authority.

(g) Permission to companies to uplink is given after ensuring compliance of all eligibility, criteria, including foreign investment norms.

High frequency studio of Doordarshan in Uttaranchal

†2807. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High frequency Doordarshan Studio is proposed to be set up in Uttaranchal during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, by when and its location;

(c) whether some of the Doordarshan Telecast centres presently operating in the State are also proposed to be upgraded; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has proposed to set up a TV studio centre (permanent set up) at Dehradun during the 10th Plan. Site for the above studio centre is

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.